

FY 2009 National Justice Information Sharing Initiative Funding Results

Scope of Program:

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the release of funding results for the FY2009 National Justice Information Sharing Initiative solicitation. The purpose of this program is to enhance the ability of justice agencies to share critical information by supporting national policy and practice, developing national consensus standards, and delivering training and technical assistance services. This solicitation had 11 categories to support critical national programs, each of which was intended to generate a single award:

1. Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative
2. National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) Development Support
3. National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) Training
4. Justice Information Sharing Technical Assistance
5. Law Enforcement Information Sharing Portal
6. Global Federated Identity and Privilege Management (GFIPM)
7. Information Sharing to Address Gangs
8. Global Justice Reference Architecture Implementation
9. Justice Information Sharing at the State Level
10. Justice Information Sharing Legislative Education
11. Information Sharing in Support of Reentry

Applicants were limited to national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government that support national initiatives to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system. This solicitation was released on June 2, 2009, and closed on June 25, 2009.

Review Process:

BJA is committed to ensuring a fair and consistent process for awarding grants. BJA reviews applications to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with program and legislative requirements as stated in the solicitation. Applications are initially screened to determine whether the applicants meet all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that meet all other requirements (such as timeliness, proper format, and responsiveness to the scope of the solicitation) will be evaluated, scored, and rated by a peer review panel. A peer reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given solicitation. Peer reviewers' ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only. In addition to peer review ratings, considerations may include, but are not limited to, underserved populations, geographic and topical diversity, strategic priorities, past performance, fiscal integrity and financial capability of applicants, and available funding. Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final grant award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs.

Funding Sought and Awarded:

BJA received a total of 38 applications for the 11 categories under this solicitation. BJA made 11 awards, totaling \$11,287,190 in funding across all categories. Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to approximately 29 percent of the applications.

Feedback and Technical Assistance for Unfunded Applicants:

Applicants who did not receive funding under the solicitation will receive written notification. The email will include written comments from the peer reviewers about the applicant's submission, if the applicant

was eligible and submitted a responsive application. These comments will be sent to the Authorized Representative on the application. If your organization does not receive the comments, contact BJA at AskBJA@usdoj.gov.

Solicitation	Grantee	State	Award Amount
National Justice Information Sharing (JIS) Initiative (Category I: Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative)	Institute for Intergovernmental Research	FL	\$4,000,000.00
National Justice Information Sharing (JIS) Initiative (Category II: National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) Development Support)	Georgia Tech Applied Research Corporation	GA	\$1,999,993.00
National Justice Information Sharing (JIS) Initiative (Category III: National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) Training)	Integrated Justice Information Systems Institute	VA	\$1,305,645.00
National Justice Information Sharing (JIS) Initiative (Category IV: Justice Information Sharing Technical Assistance)	SEARCH Group Inc.	CA	\$750,000.00
National Justice Information Sharing (JIS) Initiative (Category V : Law Enforcement Information Sharing Portal)	Institute for Intergovernmental Research	FL	\$125,000.00
National Justice Information Sharing (JIS) Initiative (Category VI: Global Federated Identity and Privilege Management (GFIPM))	Georgia Tech Applied Research Corporation	GA	\$1,449,954.00
National Justice Information Sharing (JIS) Initiative (Category VII: Information Sharing to Address Gangs) 7	Integrated Justice Information Systems Institute	VA	\$350,000.00
National Justice Information Sharing (JIS) Initiative (Category VIII: Global Justice Reference Architecture Implementation)	SEARCH Group Inc	CA	\$597,923.00
National Justice Information Sharing (JIS) Initiative (Category IX: Justice Information Sharing at the State Level)	National Association of State Chief Information Officers	KY	\$250,000.00
National Justice Information Sharing (JIS) Initiative (Category X: Justice Information Sharing Legislative Education)	National Conference of State Legislatures	CO	\$159,010.00
National Justice Information Sharing (JIS) Initiative (Category XI: Information Sharing in Support of Reentry)	Association of State Correctional Administrator Inc	CT	\$299,665.00
Awards: 11	Total Funding:		\$11,287,190.00